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COMPLAINT FOR DAMAGES

COME NOW, Plaintiff EDGAR SOLIS, for his Complaint against Defendants COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE; STATE OF CALIFORNIA; DEPUTY SALVADOR WALTERMIRE; and DOES 1-10, inclusive, and allege as follows:

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 1. This Court has jurisdiction over the present matter because, as delineated herein, the nature of the claims and the amount in controversy meet the requirements for jurisdiction in the Superior Court of the State of California.
- 2. Venue is proper in this Court under Section 395(a) of the California Code of Civil Procedure because Defendants reside in the County of Riverside and all incidents, events, and occurrences giving rise to this action occurred in the County of Riverside, California.

INTRODUCTION

- 3. This civil rights and state tort action arises out of the March 2, 2022, use of excessive and unreasonable force, including deadly force, on Plaintiff EDGAR SOLIS by Defendant Deputy SALVADOR WALTERMIRE, a COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE Sheriff's Deputy, and Defendant DOES 7-10, STATE OF CALIFORNIA Highway Patrol Officers. Plaintiff seeks compensatory damages, punitive damages, attorneys' fees, and costs from Defendants for violating various rights guaranteed to Plaintiff by the Bill of Rights, the United States Constitution, the California Constitution, and the laws of the State of California.
- 4. Defendants SALVADOR WALTERMIRE and DOES 1-10, inclusive, caused various injuries by directly shooting Plaintiff who was not an immediate threat of death or serious bodily injury as described herein, and/or by integrally participating or failing to intervene in the use of excessive and unreasonable force used against Plaintiff.

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5. This action is in the public interest as Plaintiff seeks by means of this action to hold accountable those responsible for the shooting, and serious bodily injury inflicted by Defendants.

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PARTIES

- 6. At all relevant times, Plaintiff EDGAR SOLIS ("SOLIS") is and was an individual residing in the County of Riverside, California.
- 7. At all relevant times, Defendant COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE ("COUNTY") is and was a municipal corporation existing under the laws of the State of California. COUNTY is a chartered subdivision of the State of California with the capacity to be sued. COUNTY is responsible for the actions, omissions, policies, procedures, practices, and customs of its various agents and agencies, including the Riverside County Sheriff's Department ("RCSD") and its agents and employees. At all relevant times, Defendant COUNTY was responsible for assuring that the actions, omissions, policies, procedures, practices, and customs of the RCSD and its employees and agents complied with the laws of the United States and of the State of California. At all relevant times, COUNTY was the employer of Defendant DEPUTY WALTERMIRE and DOES 1-4, inclusive. As set forth below, Plaintiff SOLIS alleges that Defendant COUNTY is directly liable for compensatory damages under federal law pursuant to Monell v. Department of Soc. Svcs., 436 U.S. 658 (1978) and its progeny. Plaintiff SOLIS further alleges that Defendant COUNTY is vicariously liable for compensatory damages under Plaintiff's state law claims, given Plaintiff's allegations that the officers who committed the acts and omissions complained of herein were acting in the course and scope of their employment at the time that the acts and omissions occurred. Plaintiff makes no claim for punitive damages against the Defendant COUNTY.
- 8. At all relevant times, Defendant SALVADOR WALTERMIRE ("WALTERMIRE") was a duly appointed COUNTY Sheriff's Deputy and/or

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employee or agent of COUNTY, subject to the oversight and supervision of COUNTY'S elected and non-elected officials. At all relevant times, Defendant WALTERMIRE acted under color of law, to wit, under the color of the statutes, ordinances, regulations, policies, customs, and usages of Defendant COUNTY, the RCSD, and under the color of the statutes and regulations of the State of California. 5 At all relevant times, Defendant WALTERMIRE acted within the course and scope of his employment as a CITY police officer. On information and belief, Defendant WALTERMIRE is and was at all relevant times a resident of this judicial district. 8 Defendant WALTERMIRE used excessive and unreasonable deadly force against Plaintiff SOLIS. 10

- At all relevant times, Defendants DOES 1-4 ("DOE DEPUTIES") are 9. Sheriff's Deputies for the RCSD, including but not limited to patrol deputies, crisis negotiations officers, corporals, sergeants, field training officers, dispatchers, and other deputies and agent of RCSD. DOE DEPUTIES were acting under color of law within the course and scope of their duties as officers for the RCSD. DOE DEPUTIES were acting with complete authority and ratification of their principal, Defendant COUNTY.
- Defendants DOES 5-6 ("DOE SUPERVISORS") are supervisory 10. officers, officials, agents, and/or employees for the RCSD who were acting under color of law within the course and scope of their duties as officials for the RCSD. DOE SUPERVISORS were acting with complete authority and ratification of their principal, Defendant COUNTY. Defendants DOE SUPERVISORS are managerial, supervisorial, and policymaking employees of the RCSD, who were acting under color of law within the course and scope of their duties as managerial, supervisorial, and policymaking employees for the RCSD. DOE SUPERVISORS were acting with complete authority and ratification of their principal, Defendant COUNTY.
- At all relevant times, Defendant STATE OF CALIFORNIA ("STATE") has the capacity to be sued. STATE is responsible for the actions, omissions, policies,

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procedures, practices, and customs of its various agents and agencies, including the California Highway Patrol ("CHP") and its agents and employees. At all relevant times, Defendant STATE was responsible for assuring that the actions, omissions, policies, procedures, practices, and customs of the CHP and its employees and agents complied with the laws of the United States and of the State of California. At all relevant times, STATE was the employer of Defendant DOES 7-10, inclusive. Defendant STATE and CHP are not being sued individually or directly by this action but are parties to this action under the theory of respondeat superior as Defendant STATE is vicariously liable for the actions of its CHP officers.

- and are duly appointed CHP officers and/or employees or agents of Defendant STATE, including but not limited to patrol officers, crisis negotiations officers, corporals, sergeants, and field training officers, subject to the oversight and supervision of STATE'S elected and non-elected officials. At all relevant times, DOE OFFICERS acted under color of law, to wit, under the color of the statutes, ordinances, regulations, policies, customs, and usages of Defendant STATE, the CHP, and under the color of the statutes and regulations of the State of California. At all relevant times, DOE OFFICERS acted within the course and scope of his employment as a STATE officer. On information and belief, DOE OFFICERS are and were at all relevant times residents of this judicial district. Defendant DOE OFFICERS used excessive and unreasonable deadly force against Plaintiff SOLIS. This action is being brought against Defendant DOE OFFICERS in their individual capacity only.
- 13. The true names and capacities, whether individual, corporate, association or otherwise of Defendants DOES 1-10, inclusive, are unknown to Plaintiff, who otherwise sue these Defendants by such fictitious names. Plaintiff will seek leave to amend this complaint to show the true names and capacity of these Defendants when they have been ascertained. Each of the fictitiously named

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- 14. At all times mentioned herein, each and every defendant was the agent of each and every other defendant and had the legal duty to oversee and supervise the hiring, conduct, and employment of each and every defendant.
- 15. All the acts complained of herein by Plaintiff against Defendants were done and performed by said Defendants by and through their authorized agents, servants, and/or employees, all of whom at all relevant times herein were acting within the course, purpose, and scope of said agency, service, and/or employment capacity. Also, Defendants and their agents ratified all the acts complained herein.
- 16. All Defendants who are natural persons, including Defendants WALTERMIRE and DOES 1-10, inclusive, are sued in their individual capacity, and punitive damages are only being requested as to these Defendants only, and not Defendants COUNTY or STATE.
- 17. Pursuant to Cal. Govt. Code §815.2(a), Defendants COUNTY and STATE are vicariously liable for the nonfeasance and malfeasance of the individual Defendants, including Defendants WALTERMIRE and DOES 1-10, inclusive, as alleged by Plaintiff's state law claims. ("A public entity is liable for injury proximately caused by an act or omission of an employee of the public entity within the scope of his employment if the act or omission would, apart from this section, have given rise to a cause of action against that employee or his personal representative."). The individual Defendants, including Defendants WALTERMIRE and DOES 1-10, inclusive, are liable for their nonfeasance and malfeasance pursuant to Cal. Civ. Code §820(a). Defendant COUNTY and STATE are also liable pursuant to Cal. Govt. Code §815.6.
- 18. On or about July 22, 2022, Plaintiff served a comprehensive and timely government tort claim for damages with COUNTY and STATE pursuant to applicable sections of the California Government Code.

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19. The COUNTY denied Plaintiff's claim on August 15, 2022. The STATE failed to respond to Plaintiff's claim and therefore it was deemed rejected by operation of law on September 5, 2022.

FACTS COMMON TO ALL CLAIMS FOR RELIEF

- 20. Plaintiff repeats and re-alleges each and every allegation in paragraphs 1 through 19 of this Complaint with the same force and effect as if fully set forth herein.
- 21. On March 2, 2022, at approximately 4:09 p.m., at or around the 600 block of Hillmer Drive, in the City of Hemet, County of Riverside, California, Defendants WALTERMIRE and DOES 1-10 used deadly force against Plaintiff SOLIS.
- 22. The use of deadly force against Plaintiff SOLIS by Defendants WALTERMIRE and DOES 1-10 was excessive and unreasonable because at the time deadly force was used, Plaintiff SOLIS was not an immediate threat of death or serious bodily injury to any person, no deadly force warning was given prior to the use of deadly force, and there were reasonable less-intrusive alternatives to the use of deadly force available to said Defendants.
- 23. Upon information and belief, Defendants WALTERMIRE, DOES 1-10 were not responding to a serious or violent crime, the Defendants did not have any information that Plaintiff SOLIS had just committed or was about to commit a serious or violent crime and had no information that Plaintiff SOLIS had just harmed or was threatening to harm any person or law enforcement officer.
- 24. Upon information and belief, Plaintiff SOLIS was shot in the back by Defendant DOE OFFICERS.
- 25. The use of deadly force against Plaintiff SOLIS by Defendant DOE OFFICERS was excessive and unreasonable because immediately prior to and at the time of the use of deadly force: Plaintiff SOLIS was not an immediate threat of

- 26. After he was shot, Plaintiff SOLIS fell to the floor, surrendered, and sat against a wall as he was severely wounded.
- 27. Thereafter, Defendants WALTERMIRE and DOE DEPUTIES charged through a fence gate, and Defendant WALTERMIRE dropped to the ground and immediately and indiscriminately fired rounds at Plaintiff SOLIS, striking him several times.
- WALTERMIRE was excessive and unreasonable because immediately prior to and at the time of the use of deadly force: Plaintiff SOLIS was not an immediate threat of death or serious bodily injury to any person; Plaintiff SOLIS was not given a verbal warning that deadly force was going to be used; and Defendant WALTERMIRE had reasonable, less-intrusive alternatives to the use of deadly force at the time available to him, failed to use those alternatives, and failed to exhaust those alternatives.
- 29. Defendants unreasonably escalated the situation when they began using deadly force against Plaintiff SOLIS, causing him great fear, pain, and harm.
- 30. Throughout the incident, the Defendants displayed negligent tactics, prior to, during, and after their uses of deadly force, including, but not limited to their: positioning, planning, communication, use of force, escalating the situation, and failing to de-escalate the situation.
- 31. Further, Defendants' actions and inactions were unreasonable and in violation of basic officer training.

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As a direct and proximate result of the individual Defendants' actions, 32. omissions, misjudgments, including their use of excessive and unreasonable force, Plaintiff SOLIS was caused to suffer great physical and mental pain and suffering, harm, injury, damages, loss of enjoyment of life, and permanent injury.

FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF

Fourth Amendment —Excessive Force (42 U.S.C. §1983)

(Plaintiff against Defendant WALTERMIRE and DOES 1-10)

- Plaintiff repeats and re-alleges each and every allegation in paragraphs 1 33. through 32 of this Complaint with the same force and effect as if fully set forth herein.
- The Defendant WALTERMIRE and DOES 1-10 were acting under the 34. color of state law and within the course and scope of their employment.
- Defendants WALTERMIRE and DOES 1-10 used excessive force against Plaintiff SOLIS when they fired lethal rounds, striking Plaintiff SOLIS. Defendants' unjustified shooting and other uses of force, deprived Plaintiff SOLIS of his right to be secure in his person against unreasonable searches and seizures as guaranteed to Plaintiff SOLIS under the Fourth Amendment to the United States Constitution and applied to state actors by the Fourteenth Amendment.
- Defendants violated Plaintiff SOLIS' Fourth Amendment rights when 36. they used excessive and unreasonable force against Plaintiff SOLIS, firing several lethal rounds at him, when Plaintiff SOLIS was not an immediate threat of death or serious bodily injury at the time, there were other reasonable alternatives to the use of deadly force, and no verbal warning was given prior to the shots that deadly force would be used.
- As a result of the foregoing, Plaintiff SOLIS suffered great physical and 37. mental pain and suffering, loss of enjoyment of life, and permanent injury.

- 38. The conduct of Defendants was willful, wanton, malicious, and done with reckless disregard for the rights and safety of Plaintiff SOLIS, and therefore warrants the imposition of exemplary and punitive damages as to Defendants.
- 39. As a result of their misconduct, Defendants are liable for Plaintiff SOLIS' injuries, either because they were integral participants in the use of excessive force, or because they failed to intervene to prevent these violations.
 - 40. Plaintiff SOLIS seeks compensatory and punitive damages.
 - 41. Plaintiff SOLIS also seeks reasonable stautory attorneys' fees and costs.

SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF

Municipal Liability - Ratification (42 U.S.C. § 1983)

(Plaintiff against Defendants COUNTY and DOE SUPERVISORS)

- 42. Plaintiff repeats and re-alleges each and every allegation in paragraphs 1 through 41 of this Complaint with the same force and effect as if fully set forth herein.
- 43. The Defendant WALTERMIRE, DOE DEPUTIES, and DOE SUPERVISORS were acting under the color of state law and within the course and scope of their employment with Defendant COUNTY and RCSD.
- 44. The acts of Defendants deprived Plaintiff SOLIS of his particular rights under the United States Constitution as alleged herein.
- 45. Upon information and belief, a final policymaker, including DOE SUPERVISORS, ratified Defendants acts and the bases for their actions. Upon information and belief, the final policymaker knew of and specifically approved of Defendants' conduct and the bases for them, including their actions and inactions, pre-shooting tactics, and use of deadly force.
- 46. Upon information and belief, the written policies and basic officer training with respect to the incident include that law enforcement officers are not to use deadly force against an individual unless the individual poses an immediate risk

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- 47. Upon information and belief, a final policymaker has determined (or will determine) that the acts of Defendants were "within policy," and have ratified multiple prior incidents of the use of excessive force, including excessive less-lethal force and deadly force.
- 48. Upon information and belief, the Defendant COUNTY approved of the Defendant WALTERMIRE and DOE DEPUTIES' actions and inactions, after which Defendant COUNTY officials, including DOE SUPERVISORS, found the Defendants' conduct was within the official policies of the Defendant COUNTY and/or consistent with COUNTY deputies' basic training. On information and belief, the basis for such approval was based on the Defendants' self-serving statements, despite evidence that Plaintiff SOLIS was not an immediate threat of death or serious bodily injury to anyone at the time the excessive force was used, reasonable alternatives were available, and no warning was given.
- 49. Upon information and belief, after this incident, Defendant WALTERMIRE and DOE DEPUTIES were not disciplined, reprimanded, retrained, provided additional training, suspended, or otherwise penalized in connection with their conduct in this incident.
- 50. Upon information and belief, the following are only a few examples of cases where the RCSD deputies were not disciplined, reprimanded, retrained, suspended, or otherwise penalized in connection with the underlying acts giving rise to the below lawsuits, which indicates that the COUNTY routinely ratifies such behavior:
 - a. In A.F., et al. v. County of Riverside, et al., case number 5:15-cv-01603, Defendant COUNTY settled with the family of a man who

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- 52. By perpetrating, sanctioning, tolerating, and ratifying the outrageous conduct and other wrongful acts, Defendant COUNTY officials acted with intentional, reckless, and callous disregard for the life and rights of Plaintiff SOLIS. Furthermore, the policies, practices, and customs implemented, maintained, and still tolerated by Defendant COUNTY and its officials were affirmatively linked to and were a significantly influential force behind the injuries of Plaintiff SOLIS.
- 53. Accordingly, Defendants COUNTY and each are liable to Plaintiff for compensatory damages under 42 U.S.C. §1983.
- 54. The conduct of the Defendant DOE SUPERVISORS was willful, wanton, malicious, and done with reckless disregard for the rights and safety of Plaintiff SOLIS, and therefore warrants the imposition of exemplary and punitive damages as to the Defendant SUPERVISORS.
 - 55. Plaintiff SOLIS seeks compensatory and punitive damages.
 - 56. Plaintiff SOLIS also seeks reasonable stautory attorneys' fees and costs.

THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF

Municipal Liability – Failure to Train (42 U.S.C. §1983)

(Plaintiff against Defendants COUNTY and DOE SUPERVISORS)

- 57. Plaintiff repeats and re-alleges each and every allegation in paragraphs 1 through 56 of this Complaint with the same force and effect as if fully set forth herein.
 - 58. The Defendant WALTERMIRE, DOE DEPUTIES, and DOE

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SUPERVISORS were acting under the color of state law and within the course and scope of their employment with Defendant COUNTY and RCSD.

- The acts of Defendants deprived Plaintiff SOLIS of his particular rights under the United States Constitution as alleged herein.
- The training policies of Defendants COUNTY were not adequate to train 60. its deputies to handle the usual and recurring situations with which they must deal. This includes training with respect to tactics, the use of force, including deadly force, de-escalation techniques, controlling deputy emotions and fears, inappropriate "shoot/don't shoot" scenarios in training that promote the use of unreasonable force, and continually assessing a situation to justify every shot fired. In addition to failing to train deputies to safely handle obvious, recurring situations, Defendant COUNTY affirmatively chose a policy it knew was likely to lead to, and in fact had previously led to, deprivations of constitutional rights including unreasonable seizures in violation of the Fourth Amendment.
- Defendants COUNTY and DOE SUPERVISORS were deliberately indifferent to the obvious consequences of its failure to train its deputies adequately, including training with respect to tactics, the use of force, including deadly force, and de-escalation techniques.
- The failure of Defendant COUNTY to provide adequate training caused 62. the deprivation of Plaintiff SOLIS' rights by Defendants; that is, Defendants' failure to train is so closely related to the deprivation of Plaintiff SOLIS' rights as to be the moving force that caused the ultimate injury.
- On information and belief, Defendant COUNTY failed to train 63. Defendants properly and adequately, including regarding the following:
 - a. Not providing adequate time and resources for deputies to train when the training does exist, so that the deputies can rely on that training during incidents.
 - b. Not enforcing the basic training standards, when they do exist, that

- are designed to prevent deputies from using excessive and unreasonable force.
- c. Not adequately providing recurring training so that deputies do not lose necessary perishable skills, and not re-training deputies who have used force in the field.
- d. Effective communication to enable deputies to gain cooperation and voluntary compliance in stressful situations.
- e. Effective communication as a basic element of the use of force; the goal of which to gain voluntary compliance without resorting to physical force, especially deadly force.
- f. That the use of deadly force is the most serious decision a peace officer may ever have to make, and such a decision should be guided by the reverence for human life and used only when other means of control are unreasonable or have been exhausted.
- g. Reverence for life as the foundation on which the use of deadly force rests. Deadly force is always the last resort to be used in the direct of circumstances. The authority to use deadly force is an awesome responsibility given to peace officers by the people who expect them to exercise that authority judiciously. In the law enforcement/community partnership, the expectation that peace officers are self-disciplined and accountable.
- h. Self-control as one of a peace officer's greatest assets in dealing with a person or a situation.
- Unreasonable fear includes overreactions to true potential threats as well as reactions to unreal threats based on prejudice or poor application of experience.
- j. Unreasonable fear can be responsible for inappropriate responses such as a failure to respond or responding inappropriately (using

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- otherwise and returned a verdict in favor of plaintiff, an unarmed man who suffered a severe brain injury and partial paralysis after a use of force by a COUNTY sheriff's deputy.
- c. In *Travillion v. County of Riverside*, case number EDCV 14-0003 VAP (DTBx), the COUNTY settled with the family of a man who was killed as a result of a use of force by a COUNTY Sheriff's deputy.
- d. In *Bosch v. County of Riverside*, case number EDCV 13-02352 (SVW)(FFM), the COUNTY settled with the family of an unarmed man who was killed by a use of force by a COUNTY Sheriff's deputy.
- e. In *Castillo v. County of Riverside*, case number EDCV 13-00789 VAP (SPx), the COUNTY settled with the family of a man who was killed by a use of force by a COUNTY sheriff's deputy.
- f. In *Munoz v. County of Riverside*, case number RIC120794, plaintiff argued that the involved COUNTY Sheriff's deputy used deadly force against her son at a time when he posed no immediate threat. The jury in that case returned a verdict in favor of plaintiff.
- g. In *L.R.*, et al. v. County of Riverside, et al., case number 15-cv-1767, Defendant COUNTY settled with the family of an unarmed man who was killed by a use of force by a COUNTY Sheriff deputy.
- 65. By reason of the aforementioned acts and omissions, Plaintiff SOLIS has suffered past and future pain and suffering, loss of enjoyment of life, and permanent injury.
- 66. Upon information and belief, Defendant COUNTY, through its officials, had either actual or constructive knowledge of the deficient training policies, practices and customs alleged herein. Despite having knowledge as stated herein,

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- 67. Through its deficient training, Defendant COUNTY officials acted with intentional, reckless, and callous disregard for the life and rights of Plaintiff SOLIS. Furthermore, the deficient training tolerated by Defendant COUNTY and its officials were affirmatively linked to and was a significantly influential force behind the injuries of Plaintiff SOLIS.
- 68. Accordingly, Defendant COUNTY is liable to Plaintiff for compensatory damages under 42 U.S.C. §1983.
- 69. The conduct of the Defendant DOE SUPERVISORS in condoning, maintaining, and providing deficient training was willful, wanton, malicious, and done with reckless disregard for the rights and safety of Plaintiff SOLIS, and therefore warrants the imposition of exemplary and punitive damages as to the Defendant SUPERVISORS.
 - 70. Plaintiff SOLIS seeks compensatory and punitive damages.
 - 71. Plaintiff SOLIS also seeks reasonable stautory attorneys' fees and costs

FOURTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

Municipal Liability – Unconstitutional Custom or Policy (42 U.S.C. § 1983)

(Plaintiff against Defendants COUNTY and DOE SUPERVISORS)

- 72. Plaintiff repeats and re-alleges each and every allegation in paragraphs 1 through 71 of this Complaint with the same force and effect as if fully set forth herein.
- 73. Defendants WALTERMIRE, DOE DEPUTIES, and DOE SUPERVISORS were acting under the color of state law and within the course and

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- magnitude of the misconduct, and other inadequate discipline that is tantamount to encouraging misconduct.
- g. Announcing that unjustified shootings are "within policy," including shootings that were later determined in court to be unconstitutional.
- h. Even where shootings are determined in court to be unconstitutional, refusing to discipline, terminate, or retrain the officers involved.
- i. Encouraging, accommodating, or facilitating a "blue code of silence," "blue shield," "blue wall," "blue curtain," "blue veil," or simply "code of silence," pursuant to which officials do not report other officials' errors, misconduct, or crimes. Pursuant to this code of silence, if questioned about an incident of misconduct involving another official, while following the code, the official being questioned will claim ignorance of the other officials' wrongdoing.
- j. Maintaining a policy of inaction and an attitude of indifference towards soaring numbers of law enforcement shootings, including by failing to discipline, retrain, investigate, terminate, and recommend officials for criminal prosecution who participate in unreasonable shootings.
- k. Upon information and belief, COUNTY, including but not limited to RCSD, has an unofficial policy, practice and/or custom of finding almost all—if not all—of its deputy involved shootings to be within policy, of not disciplining its deputies involved in shootings, not retraining or firing deputies involved in shootings, and of not recommending criminal charges against their deputies involved in excessive and unreasonable deputy-involved shootings. As a result, deputies involved in excessive uses of deadly force are allowed back to patrol the streets even though COUNTY knew, or should have

- known, that these deputies have a propensity for using excessive deadly force against the citizens that the deputies are supposed to protect and serve, especially against minorities and the mentally ill.
- 1. Upon information and belief, as a result of COUNTY policy, custom and/or practices, RCSD deputies know that if they use deadly excessive force against someone, they will not be disciplined and their use of force will be found within policy, which results in a significant number of COUNTY deputies being involved in numerous shootings. This policy, custom and/or practice was established by supervising and managerial employees of COUNTY, specifically, those employees tasked with determining whether deputy-involved shootings fall within policy, those employees responsible for disciplining, retraining, and firing employees who use excessive force, and for those employees responsible for making recommendations of criminal charges being filed against deputies who use excessive deadly force; and
- m. Upon information and belief, this policy, custom and/or practice long lasting and persistent, and existed well before Plaintiff SOLIS was shot by Defendants WALTERMIRE and DOE DEPUTIES.

 This policy, custom and/or practice was established so that COUNTY deputies do not bear the responsibility for the people that they use excessive deadly force against. This policy, custom and/or practice exists so that the public does not have such a negative perception of COUNTY and its sheriff's department and so that COUNTY can avoid the repercussions associated with its deputies' use of excessive deadly force against citizens, including negative publicity, avoiding criminal prosecution, and avoiding civil liability. A significant reason that this policy, custom and/or practice was

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established was to avoid COUNTY being liable, under a theory of vicarious liability, for the uses of excessive and unreasonable deadly force by its employees. In other words, there is a large financial incentive for COUNTY to erroneously determine that most, if not all, of its deputies' uses of deadly force are within policy. If COUNTY, through its policymakers and supervisors, would admit that their deputies were at fault for using excessive and unreasonable deadly force, then COUNTY is aware of how much they would have to pay for any associated litigation.

- Defendants COUNTY and DOE SUPERVISORS, together with various 77. other officials, whether named or unnamed, had either actual or constructive knowledge of the deficient policies, practices and customs alleged in the paragraphs above. Despite having knowledge as stated above, these Defendants condoned, tolerated and through actions and inactions thereby ratified such policies. Said Defendants also acted with deliberate indifference to the foreseeable effects and consequences of these policies with respect to the constitutional rights of Plaintiff SOLIS and other individuals similarly situated.
- By perpetrating, sanctioning, tolerating, and ratifying the outrageous 78. conduct and other wrongful acts, DOE SUPERVISORS acted with intentional, reckless, and callous disregard for the life of Plaintiff SOLIS and for Plaintiff SOLIS' constitutional rights. Furthermore, the policies, practices, and customs implemented, maintained, and still tolerated by Defendants COUNTY and DOE SUPERVISORS were affirmatively linked to and were a significantly influential force behind the injuries of Plaintiff SOLIS.
- Based on information and belief, the following are only a few examples of cases evidencing Defendant COUNTY'S unconstitutional policies, where the involved deputies were not disciplined, reprimanded, retrained, suspended, or otherwise penalized in connection with the underlying acts giving rise to the below

lawsuits, which indicates that the County of Riverside routinely ratifies such behavior

and maintains a practice of allowing such behavior: a. In A.F., et al. v. County of Riverside, et al., case number 5:15-cv-3 01603, Defendant COUNTY settled with the family of a man who 4 was attacked by a K-9 and shot by COUNTY sheriff's deputies. 5 b. In Howard v. County of Riverside, et al., case number 5:12-cv-6 00700, Defendant COUNTY argued that the use of deadly force 7 against an unarmed individual was reasonable; a federal jury found 8 otherwise and returned a verdict in favor of plaintiff, an unarmed 9 man who suffered a severe brain injury and partial paralysis after a 10 use of force by a COUNTY sheriff's deputy. 11 c. In Travillion v. County of Riverside, case number EDCV 14-0003 12 VAP (DTBx), the COUNTY settled with the family of a man who 13 was killed as a result of a use of force by a COUNTY Sheriff's 14 deputy. 15 d. In Bosch v. County of Riverside, case number EDCV 13-02352 16 (SVW)(FFM), the COUNTY settled with the family of an unarmed 17 man who was killed by a use of force by a COUNTY Sheriff's 18 deputy. 19 e. In Castillo v. County of Riverside, case number EDCV 13-00789 20 VAP (SPx), the COUNTY settled with the family of a man who was 21 killed by a use of force by a COUNTY sheriff's deputy. 22 f. In Munoz v. County of Riverside, case number RIC120794, plaintiff 23 argued that the involved COUNTY Sheriff's deputy used deadly 24 force against her son at a time when he posed no immediate threat. 25 The jury in that case returned a verdict in favor of the plaintiff. 26 g. In L.R., et al. v. County of Riverside, et al., case number 15-cv-27 1767, Defendant COUNTY settled with the family of an unarmed 28 PLAINTIFF SOLIS' COMPLAINT FOR DAMAGES

man who was killed by a use of force by a COUNTY Sheriff deputy.

- h. In *Arocha v. County of Riverside, et al.*, case number 18-CV-01585, Defendant COUNTY settled with an unarmed man who was beaten unconscious and suffered a traumatic brain injury as a result of force by COUNTY Sheriff's deputies.
- 80. By reason of the aforementioned acts and omissions, Plaintiff SOLIS has suffered past and future pain and suffering, loss of enjoyment of life, and permanent injury.
- 81. Accordingly, Defendant COUNTY is liable to Plaintiff for compensatory damages under 42 U.S.C. §1983.
- 82. The conduct of the Defendant DOE SUPERVISORS in condoning, maintaining, and providing these longstanding unconstitutional policies, customs, and/or practices was willful, wanton, malicious, and done with reckless disregard for the rights and safety of Plaintiff SOLIS, and therefore warrants the imposition of exemplary and punitive damages as to the Defendant SUPERVISORS.
 - 83. Plaintiff SOLIS seeks compensatory and punitive damages.
 - 84. Plaintiff SOLIS also seeks reasonable stautory attorneys' fees and costs

FIFTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

Battery (Cal. Govt. Code §820 and California Common Law)

(Plaintiff against Defendants WALTERMIRE, DOE DEPUTIES, and DOE OFFICERS in their individual capacity, directly; and Defendants COUNTY and STATE vicariously)

85. Plaintiff repeats and re-alleges each and every allegation in paragraphs 1 through 84 of this Complaint with the same force and effect as if fully set forth herein.

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- 86. Defendants WALTERMIRE, DOE DEPUTIES, and DOE OFFICERS, while working as officials for the RCSD and CHP respectively and acting within the course and scope of their duties, intentionally shot Plaintiff SOLIS multiple times and used unreasonable and excessive force against him.
- 87. The use of deadly force against Plaintiff SOLIS by Defendants was unreasonable because Plaintiff SOLIS did not pose an immediate threat of death or serious bodily harm to any person any the time, there were less lethal alternatives, and no verbal warning was given.
- 88. At all relevant times, Plaintiff SOLIS was not an immediate threat of bodily injury to anyone, including Defendants.
- 89. Plaintiff SOLIS never consented to the use of force used against him by Defendants.
- 90. Plaintiff SOLIS was harmed when he was shot multiple times, and experienced severe pain and suffering, injury, and damages.
- 91. The Defendants' use of unreasonable force, including deadly force, was the direct cause, proximate cause, and only cause of Plaintiff SOLIS' pain and suffering, injury, harm, and damages. In other words, the unreasonable force was at least a substantial factor in causing Plaintiff SOLIS' pain and suffering, injury, harm, and damages.
- 92. Defendants caused various injuries as mentioned herein and are liable either because they directly harmed Plaintiff SOLIS or integrally participated in or failed to intervene in the incident, and engaged in other acts and/or omissions around the time of the incident. Defendants' acts and omissions resulted in harmful and offensive touching of Plaintiff SOLIS.
- 93. Defendants are directly liable for their actions and inactions pursuant to Cal. Govt. Code §820(a).
- 94. Defendants COUNTY and STATE are vicariously liable for the wrongful acts of their employees, including Defendants WALTERMIRE, DOE

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DEPUTIES, and DOE OFFICERS pursuant to section 815.2(a) of the California Government Code, which provides that a public entity is liable for the injuries caused by its employees within the scope of the employment if the employee's act would subject him or her to liability.

- 95. The conduct of Defendants WALTERMIRE, DOE DEPUTIES, and DOE OFFICERS was malicious, wanton, oppressive, and accomplished with a conscious disregard for the rights of Plaintiff, entitling Plaintiff SOLIS to an award of exemplary and punitive damages as to these Defendants.
 - 96. Plaintiff SOLIS seeks compensatory damages, and punitive damages.

SIXTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

Negligence (Cal. Govt. Code §820 and California Common Law)

(Plaintiff against Defendants WALTERMIRE, DOE DEPUTIES, and DOE OFFICERS in their individual capacity, directly; and Defendants COUNTY and STATE vicariously)

- 97. Plaintiff repeats and re-alleges each and every allegation in paragraphs 1 through 96 of this Complaint with the same force and effect as if fully set forth herein.
- 98. At all relevant times, Defendants WALTERMIRE, DOE DEPUTIES, and DOE OFFICERS, were working as officials for the RCSD and CHP, respectively, and acting under color of state law and within the course and scope of their duties.
- 99. Peace officers, including Defendants, have a duty to use reasonable care to prevent harm or injury to others. This duty includes using appropriate tactics, giving appropriate commands, giving warnings, and not using any force unless necessary, using less than lethal options, and only using deadly force as a last resort. These duties also include providing proper training and equipment to officials so that they may perform their duties in accordance with the department policies, properly

investigate use of force incidents, and punish, re-train, terminate, and/or prosecute violators of those policies and the law.

- 100. Defendants WALTERMIRE, DOE DEPUTIES, and DOE OFFICERS breached their duty of care by their conduct as alleged herein. Upon information and belief, the actions and inactions of Defendants were negligent and reckless, including but not limited to:
 - a. The failure to properly and adequately assess the need to use force or deadly force against Plaintiff SOLIS.
 - The negligent tactics and handling of the situation with Plaintiff SOLIS, including pre-shooting negligence.
 - c. The failure to properly train and supervise employees, both professional and non-professional, including Defendants WALTERMIRE and DOES 1-10.
 - d. The negligent handling of evidence and witnesses.
 - e. The negligent communication of information during the incident.
- above, and other undiscovered negligent conduct, Plaintiff SOLIS was caused to suffer severe pain and suffering. In other words, the Defendants' negligence was at least a substantial factor in causing Plaintiff SOLIS' harm, injury, and damages.
- 102. At all relevant times, Plaintiff SOLIS was not an immediate threat of death or serious bodily injury to anyone, including Defendants, no warning was given that deadly force was going to be used prior to the use of deadly force, and less than lethal alternatives were available to Defendants.
- 103. Further, Plaintiff SOLIS' harm, specifically being shot by the Defendants when Plaintiff SOLIS was not an immediate threat of death or serious bodily injury to anyone, ordinarily would not have happened unless Defendants were negligent.

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SEVENTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

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Bane Act (Violation of Cal. Civil Code §52.1)

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(Plaintiff against Defendants WALTERMIRE, DOE DEPUTIES, and DOE OFFICERS in their individual capacity, directly; and Defendants COUNTY and

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110. Plaintiff repeats and re-alleges each and every allegation in paragraphs 1 through 109 of this Complaint with the same force and effect as if fully set forth

- 111. California Civil Code, Section 52.1 (the Bane Act), prohibits any person from using or attempting to use violent acts, threats, intimidation, or coercion to interfere with the exercise or enjoyment by any individuals' rights secured by the Constitution or laws of the United States, or of the rights secured by the Constitution or laws of this state in retaliation against another person for exercising that person's constitutional rights.
- 112. On information and belief, Defendants WALTERMIRE and DOES 1-10, while working for COUNTY and STATE and acting within the course and scope of their duties, intentionally committed, and attempted to commit acts of violence against Plaintiff SOLIS, including by shooting him without justification or excuse, and by integrally participating and failing to intervene in the above violence.
- 113. When Defendants used excessive and unreasonable force against Plaintiff SOLIS, they intentionally interfered with his civil rights to be free from excessive force.
- 114. Further, the Defendants used excessive and unreasonable force in violation of the Constitution with intent to deprive Plaintiff SOLIS of his Constitutional rights to be free from excessive force.
- 115. On information and belief, Defendants intentionally violated Plaintiff SOLIS' rights to be free from excessive force by demonstrating reckless disregard for his rights when Defendants shot Plaintiff SOLIS.

1	116. Defendants violated Plaintiff SOLIS' Constitutional right to be free from	
2	excessive and unreasonable force by peace officers. Defendants intended to violate	
3	Plaintiff SOLIS' rights and/or acted with reckless disregard with regard to Plaintiff	
4	SOLIS' Constitutional rights, which is evidence that they intended to violate Plaintiff	
5	SOLIS' rights.	
6	117. The conduct of Defendants was a substantial factor in causing Plaintiff	
7	SOLIS' harms, losses, injuries, and damages.	
8	118. Defendants COUNTY and STATE are vicariously liable for the	
9	wrongful acts of Defendants WALTERMIRE and DOES 1-10, their respective	
10	employees, pursuant to section 815.2(a) of the California Government Code, which	
11	provides that a public entity is liable for the injuries caused by its employees within	
12	the scope of the employment if the employee's act would subject him or her to	
13	liability. Defendants COUNTY and STATE are vicariously liable under California	
14	law and the doctrine of respondeat superior.	
15	119. The conduct of the individual Defendants was malicious, wanton,	
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17	justifying an award of exemplary and punitive damages as to those Defendants.	
18	120. Plaintiff SOLIS seeks compensatory damages, punitive damages, costs,	
19	attorneys' fees, and treble damages under this claim.	
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PRAYER FOR RELIEF 1 WHEREFORE, Plaintiff EDGAR SOLIS requests entry of judgment in his 2 favor and against Defendants COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, SALVADOR 3 WALTERMIRE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, and DOES 1-10, inclusive, as follows: 4 For compensatory damages in whatever other amount may be proven at 5 trial, under federal and state law. 6 For punitive and exemplary damages against the individual defendants C. 7 in an amount to be proven at trial. 8 For statutory damages. D. 9 For reasonable attorneys' fees, and treble damages, including litigation F. 10 11 expenses. For interests and costs of suit; and G. 12 H. For such further other relief as the Court may deem just, proper, and 13 appropriate. 14 15 LAW OFFICES OF DALE K. GALIPO DATED: January 30, 2023 16 LAW OFFICES OF GRECH & PACKER 17 18 /s/ Marcel F. Sincich By: 19 Dale K. Galipo 20 Trenton C. Packer Marcel F. Sincich 21 Attorneys for Plaintiff 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 PLAINTIFF SOLIS' COMPLAINT FOR DAMAGES

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL Plaintiff SOLIS hereby submits this demand that this action be tried in front of a jury. LAW OFFICES OF DALE K. GALIPO January 30, 2023 DATED: LAW OFFICES OF GRECH & PACKER /s/ Marcel F. Sincich By: Dale K. Galipo Trenton C. Packer Marcel F. Sincich Attorneys for Plaintiff PLAINTIFF SOLIS' COMPLAINT FOR DAMAGES